



*NEW ENGLAND*

*PIANO TEACHERS' Assoc., Inc.*

September 2008

Greetings to all NEPTA Members, old and new:

The stepped-up tempo of Fall is upon us, as we resume our regular teaching schedules, and begin our program year together. We have much to look forward to in the exciting programs planned for us by the Program Committee, **Shann Wood**, Chair. Be sure to read through your booklet now, and put the dates on your calendar so you won't miss any. Please note all venues; we usually meet at First Parish, but some of our meetings are at the Wellesley Free Library.

There are two changes in the Slate since our May meeting. **Faina Kofman** is not able to continue as Senior Competitions Chair and Board Member, so **Luba Pyatkovskaya** will chair the Competitions, and **Caroline Heatherton** will stay on the Board to fill out Faina's term.

Many thanks to **Lindsey Robb**, who wears his two hats with such aplomb – preparing our Treasurer's Report and overseeing the audit, and producing our Program Booklet and Directory. Lindsey asked me to inform you that there is an intentional blank page in the Program Booklet this year for pagination concerns; the printer left out his words to this effect. Thanks also to our new Advertising Chair, **Yilin You**, for her work this summer.

Enclosed with this mailing is a flyer for the Master Class, prepared by **Emma Jean Moulton**. Please be in touch with her if you wish to participate in this special program with the Paratore brothers.

Our first regular program this year will take place on September 22. Please bring a friend to hear **Jeanne Golan's** lively presentation, entitled "Phrases and Dashes and Dots, Oh my!". We look forward to seeing and hearing Jeanne, and to being together again.

Remember our plan this year to allow one "free" member to attend, sponsored by a regular member in good standing. Invite your piano-teaching friend who doesn't yet know the joys of NEPTA! We will have a clipboard and pad to record names and addresses with their sponsors at each meeting. These guest teachers will not be able to enter students in recitals or competitions, but otherwise can partake of all NEPTA has to offer.

Which brings me to that necessary reminder –

**PLEASE PAY YOUR DUES BY SEPTEMBER 30 TO BE ELIGIBLE TO ENTER YOUR STUDENTS IN RECITALS AND COMPETITIONS.**

**VERY IMPORTANT:** There has also been a change of personnel in the Administrative Assistant position. **Michelle Kelley** has had to drop out for now, and **Sue Demb** has assumed her duties again, as well as being our Webmaster. I hope that all your newest information is already in our new Directory, but if you have ANY CHANGES throughout the year, please send them to Sue at [sdemb@dembfamily.com](mailto:sdemb@dembfamily.com) or, in writing, by snailmail. No phone messages, please.

Our **GOING GREEN** is off to a good start, but I would like to make a **STRONG PLEA** to those of you who still receive our communications through the Post Office. Can you please access our website to get your Newsletter and forms online, even if you don't have regular email? As the post office rates continue to soar, and all our time for volunteer jobs gets shorter, we would really appreciate your making the effort to **GO GREEN** with the rest of us. Maybe someone else in your household is online, or the school where you teach is. If not, you can always go to your local library these days. Let us know when we can take you off that expensive list – and thanks.

We have a new Music Donations Chair, **Ruth Ross**. We will have donated music at our October meeting, so sort yours out now, and bring your checkbook to find some useful bargains for your studio.

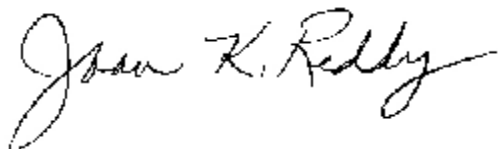
Also, **Ruth Ross** and **Janice Zaganjori** have agreed to get our Music Library squared away with Steinert's. Long packed away, it will be sent to their Natick store, where we can have easier parking and access. Stay tuned on this project.

**Kathryn Rosenbach** sends news of a new concert series, "Sundays at 7", at St. John's United Methodist Church, 80 Mt. Auburn Street, Watertown (617-926-2931). The first concert is September 28, and includes music of Mozart, Brahms, Rebecca Clarke, and a premiere trio by Kathryn. Other dates are December 7, Opera with Donna Roll; March 22, American Music; and May 3, Jazz.

If you wish a concert announcement to be published in subsequent newsletters, please send them to Newsletter Coordinator **Cindy Null** at [cnull@rcn.com](mailto:cnull@rcn.com).

I look forward to seeing all of you soon!

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Joan K. Reddy". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Joan Reddy, President

Directions to the First Parish of Watertown  
35 Church Street  
Watertown MA 02472  
617-924-6143

**From the Mass. Pike**, take Exit 17 toward Watertown Square.  
Galen Street goes to the lights in Watertown Square.  
Take a left onto Main Street (Route 20) and then a  
right at the second set of lights onto Church Street.  
The First Parish is in the first block, and parking is available  
in the Municipal Lot just before the church driveway.

**From Route 16 going toward Watertown Square** (Mt. Auburn Street),  
take a right onto Summer Street (across from Dunkin' Donuts)  
just before Watertown Square, and the second left onto Church Street. Pass  
the church and park in the Municipal Lot on your left or right.

